## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 15 as follows:

The HSV shuttle plasmid pRB4878 has been previously described (Andreansky et al. (1998) *Gene Ther.* **5**, 121-130). Plasmid 4878-IL12 was constructed as follows: pBS-mIL-12 was digested with XhoI and SpeI to remove a 2.2 kb fragment containing the entire IL-12 subunit coding regions, including the IRES, ends filled in using the Klenow fragment, and ligated into a blunted KpnI site located between the Egr-1 promoter (a mammalian promoter) and hepatitis B virus polyA sequences within pRB4878. M001 (tk-) and M002 (tk repaired at native locus) were constructed via homologous recombination as described previously (Andreansky et al. (1998) *Gene Ther.* **5**, 121-130). Two tk-repaired viruses M002.29 and M002.211, were confirmed by Southern blot hybridization of restriction enzyme-digested viral DNAs which were electrophoretically separated on a 1% agarose, 1X TPE gel and transferred to a Zeta-Probe membrane (Bio-Rad). The blot was hybridized with the appropriate DNA probe labeled with alkaline phosphatase using the Gene Images AlkPhos Direct DNA labeling system (Amersham-Pharmacia Biotech, Piscataway, NJ). IL-12 production was demonstrated by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).